

(c) the reasons which led to the abolition of these offices were :—
 (1) the perceptible fall in the number of documents registered in the offices during 1106 as compared with the previous years ;

(2) the appreciable fall in revenue from those offices ; and

(3) the need for retrenchment in expenditure.

(d) A few complaints were received from the people against the abolition of these Sub-Registry Offices.

(e) The offices were abolished in pursuance of the measures suggested to Government by the Retrenchment Committee and the Account Officer, though the officer in charge of the Department had not fully approved their abolition.

Smuggling of drugs from the Kottayam District Hospital.

310. MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil cum Devicolum*) : Are the Government aware that petty chemists in the town of Kottayam are selling drugs smuggled from the Kottayam District Hospital ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

Qualification of candidates for Music Examination.

311. MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a rule to the effect that candidates appearing for the Music Examination should have passed the Sixth Class in the Vernacular School ; and

(b) if so, whether any other standard has been recognised as equivalent to that ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (a) Yes.

(b) Yes ; Second Form standard of recognised English Schools of the State.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamitta*) : With regard to the answer to part (b), may I know whether the Government will consider the question of revising the Rule so as to enable, also those candidates who have studied up to a certain standard in Sanskrit Schools, to appear for the examination ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That will be referred to the Director of Public Instruction.

Grant-in-aid to teachers of aided Sanskrit schools.

312. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the grants to teachers of aided Sanskrit schools have been reduced recently ; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the reasons for doing the same ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (a) Yes.

(b) Owing to the present financial stringency, it was possible to provide this year only a reduced sum for payment of grant-in-aid to the teachers of aided Sanskrit Schools and hence only 75 per cent. of the sanctioned amount of grant to aided Sanskrit Schools is allowed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know the amount of the grant, given to the teachers of aided Sanskrit Schools, before the recent reduction of 25 per cent. was made?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I find that varying amounts were being given for teachers of different classes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Are the Government aware that, at the time of the revision of the scales of pay of the Vernacular School teachers, a reduction was made in the grant to the teachers of Sanskrit Schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not sure of that.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Was not that placed before the Government when they effected this further retrenchment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No. The reduction was made merely because there was no money.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know why the teachers of Sanskrit Schools alone should suffer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Reductions have been made, I think, in other branches also.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Were the rates, of the grant-in-aid to teachers of other schools, reduced?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think the rates have been reduced; but, the amount allowed for other teachers of aided institutions has been reduced.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Then why should the rates, of grants-in-aid to teachers of Sanskrit School alone, be reduced?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because, it was one way of effecting retrenchment.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is it because Sanskrit education is less important or because these teachers are now receiving fat salaries?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Neither; but because there was no money.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know whether these facts were considered by Government in effecting the retrenchment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The main question that was considered was the scarcity of money.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): So, Government have not looked into the other important aspects of the question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This cut was inevitable. Reductions may be made in other cases also.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Karlikapalli*): Are not the Government aware that the amount given to the teachers of the III and IV classes is only five rupees?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are aware of that.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Karlikapalli*): Is it not hard that it should be further reduced by 20 per cent?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already said that it was inevitable.

Statement, by caste, of appointments made in the Medical Department during 1105--1107.

313. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the appointments made in the Medical Department as ministerial and other lower grade officers since 1105 up to the end of Kumbham 1107?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A statement * containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Health Officers in the Nagercoil and Quilon Municipalities.

314. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Nagercoil and Quilon Municipalities have appointed Health Officers for those municipal towns?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Nagercoil Municipality has an officer with the designation "Health Officer". The Quilon Municipality has not appointed a Health Officer.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know what the qualifications of the Health Officer, Nagercoil, are?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information here.

The Travancore Almanac and Directory for 1932.

315. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): With reference to the *Travancore Almanac and Directory for 1932*, will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of the officer responsible for its preparation;
- (b) the source wherefrom he collected the information contained therein;
- (c) up to what date the particulars in that book are corrected;
- (d) whether the touring map and the map of the Trivandrum town attached to it represent the actual roads and railways existing on the date of publication of the book;

* *Vide Appendix VIII—page 762.*